Spare Parts Lying Idle in defence Establishments

1361. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any study of huge quantity of spare parts lying idle in the defence establishment;

(b) if so, the details of the study; and

(c) whether many of the consignments are not worth enough to be used?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (c) The inventory of spare parts held in the Armed Forces is, need based, as the requirement of spares for Armed Forces is worked out in a scientific manner, through the Annual Provisioning Reviews after taking into account the recommendations of the manufacturers, consumption/movement pattern of spares, existing stocks, dues in and other relevant factors. However, even a minor variation in the consumption pattern is likely to result in some over or under provisioning, notwithstanding the most scientific provisioning exercise. Such deviations in consumption pattern are taken into account in the next provisioning reviews. However, some spares which account for a fraction of the total inventory are declared surplus to the requirements of the services at the end of their shelf/technical life or on account of technology obsolescence and are disposed of accordingly.